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of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Washington DC 20420

RE: FOIA Request 19-06210-F

April 22, 2019

Ms. Jennifer Brier
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Dear Ms. Brier:

This letter is the initial agency decision to your April 4, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Central Office FOIA Office electronic FOIA mailbox, vhafoia2@va.gov for a copy of VA Circular 10-89-35, subject: Establishment and Utilization of Addiction Therapist, GS-101 Positions.

As indicated in our April 15, 2019 letter acknowledging receipt, the VHA Central Office FOIA Office received your request on April 4, 2019 and assigned it the FOIA tracking number of 19-06210-F.

At the conclusion of their search, the VHA Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Workforce Services provided the enclosed nine-page document, VA Circular 10-89-35. This document is provided in its entirety; therefore, no information has been withheld or otherwise redacted. The Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Workforce Services also noted the Circular has expired (April 3, 1990) and is no longer allowed for use when classifying positions.

The FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii), places all FOIA requesters in one of three categories for fee purposes. The three statutory categories of FOIA requesters are (1) commercial use requesters; (2) educational institutions, noncommercial scientific institutions, and representative of the news media; and (3) all other requesters. I have determined your request to be in the category of "all other requester". As an all other requester, VA FOIA implementing regulations found at 38 C.F.R. §1.561(c)(4) state that all other requesters will be charged fees to recover the full reasonable direct cost of searching for and reproducing records responsive to a request, except that the first two (2) hours of search time and the first 100 pages of reproduction will be furnished without cost. The VHA Central Office FOIA Office has not assessed fees on this request as the search time was under 2 hours and the document less than 100 pages. Consequently, there are no processing fees associated with FOIA request 19-06210-F.

This concludes VHA Central Office FOIA Office's response to FOIA request 19-06210-F. If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (319) 383-2609 or email the VHA Central Office FOIA Office at vhafoia2@va.gov.

You may also discuss your request with VHA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

VHA FOIA Public Liaison:

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Sincerely,

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